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people of Audrain county and Mex-
ico.

WOMEN STILL PRIMITIVE?
PROF. Louis R. Sullivan, of the
American Museum of Natural His-
tory, who is evidently a bachelor
with little hope of ever being married,
announces that the feminine brain is
as yet undeveloped. He further as-
serts, in a number of innocuous but
enthusiastic innuendoes, that she hasn't
man's reasoning powers, that she can-
not "get" man's viewpoint and so nat-
urally always takes the opposing side.

If the doctor knew anything about
women he'd know that no man pos-
sessing any such knowledge whatever
attempts to reason with them. It
can't be done. Man's reasoning pow-
ers? They're a joke. Ask any man
who comes in about 1 a. m. from a
poker party and tries to convince an
alert wife that he has been charitably
consuming a sick friend.

Then the doctor says they cannot
"get" man's viewpoint. The trouble
is that they not only "get" his view-
point but his "goat" at one and the
same time, and while they are doing
it they are most likely powdering
their nose or attending to some other
important household duty.

Woman may still be primitive. The
clever manner in which some of them
cautiously caustic with an unwar-
mly rolling pin smacks strongly of
the "cave man stuff." We think the
doctor has unfortunately expressed
himself out of his turn. If he isn't
careful he'll get a laboratory demon-
stration of his mistake and wake up
to find himself being led away from
the altar and spend the rest of his life
discovering that all theories are not
facts.

HOSPITALS OUT OF POLITICS.
THE Board of Control of the six
Eleemosynary State Institutions is
composed of three democrats and
three republicans and is trying to
take these institutions out of politics,
with the cordial approval and co-
operation of Governor Hyde. Referring
to the meeting of the board on Oct-
ober 10, when the six institutions
were put on a non-partisan basis by
electing competent officials from both
parties, the Fulton Gazette says:

"Col. R. M. White, of Mexico, a
Democratic member of the board of
control, came to Fulton after the
board adjourned and spent the night
at the Fulton State Hospital. In an
interview with a representative of
The Gazette Wednesday morning, he
said that the board worked in har-
mony. 'Every member of the board,'
he said, 'is intent on taking the
eleemosynary institutions of the state
out of politics. The positions that we
fill directly have been divided equally
between Republicans and Democrats
but no one has been elected because
of his connection with a political or-
ganization.'

"During the time the board was in
session Governor Hyde discussed the
financial affairs of the institutions
with us and in the conference declared
again that he did not want to be con-
sidered in filling the positions under
the board," Colonel White said, "I did
not talk with him about the election
of officials of the institutions and I
do not believe any other member of
the board did."

ARMISTICE DAY.
IT is planned to make Armistice
Day all over this country an occasion
for the gathering of the citizens of
various communities to hold fitting
ceremonial expressing public interest
in the world disarmament movement.
There is no question but what the pro-
fessed desire of the people of these
United States as those of other coun-
tries is for disarmament.

such a state of disarmament is pos-
sible as to minimize the possibilities
of war as well as minimize the cost
of maintaining armies and navies. In
time, if commonsense governs, total
disarmament may eventuate. But we
should start toward that end now with
a determination of making impossible
such a fearful war as that which has
just ended.

THE THREATENED STRIKE.
ANOTHER railroad strike is threat-
ened and this time, at least to us, in-
dustry points to its really becoming a
fact. The unions are determined to
discontinue work if the wage question
is not adjusted to their demands. The
railroads are prepared to continue
traffic if the men walk out, according
to officials.

We have felt that sooner or later
the issue must come to a head in a
great industrial strike and perhaps it
is best if it does and the question is
definitely settled. In such a strike at
such a time, as usual, the public will
be the main sufferer, but until the
railroad question is positively settled
one way or the other business will
not revive as it should.

Both the Unions and the heads of
the railroads seem determined to fight
the issue to the last stand and if that
is the case nothing can avert the im-
pending tie-up. This strike if it does
materialize will be the greatest indus-
trial affair of its kind in the history
of the country and will affect inti-
mately every section of the nation.

The immediate translation of the
last reduction in wages into reduced
freight rates according to the Rail-
road Labor Board is given as one
plan that would most likely settle the
present controversy with the unions.
A reduction in freight rates is what
the public today is mostly interested
in and such action would be gener-
ally approved.

THE charity agreement of the
Mexico Chamber of Commerce which
is to the effect that members will
not contribute to any charity solicitor
unless he shows a card of approval from
that body is one which will save the
people of Mexico thousands of dollars
yearly provided they adhere to this
agreement.

Among professional
grafters and fake charity solicitors
Mexico has always been looked upon
as a most inviting field in which to
browse for funds. In fact the spirit of
charity here is such that no one, re-
gardless of the merit of their cause,
goes away empty handed. The
Chamber of Commerce is equipped to
investigate all charity solicitors. They
do investigate and only those who are
absolutely accredited and worthy are
given a card of approval. Once the
grafter finds that the people of Mexico
will refuse to support all those who
do not possess this approval they will
steer clear of this city. It is only
through intelligent co-operation that
such a work as this can succeed.

WE are glad to see a movement
toward easing up the unemployment
situation and we trust it meets with
the expected success. However there
is no question in our mind but that
there are more obstacles in its path
than many realize. There is a certain
section of the unemployed who never
care for work and the only time they
could be expected to work was when
wages were high and any kind of re-
sults were acceptable. There are those
who cannot work at any one job any
length of time because they soon take
the attitude of knowing more about it
than the man in charge. There are
others who refuse to accept a place
because they cannot get the wage they
received at the peak and would rather
loaf along and scrimp on their strike
benefit. There is almost always work
for the man who will work. And we
believe that the present move will re-
sult in more places of this kind. This
is as it should be.

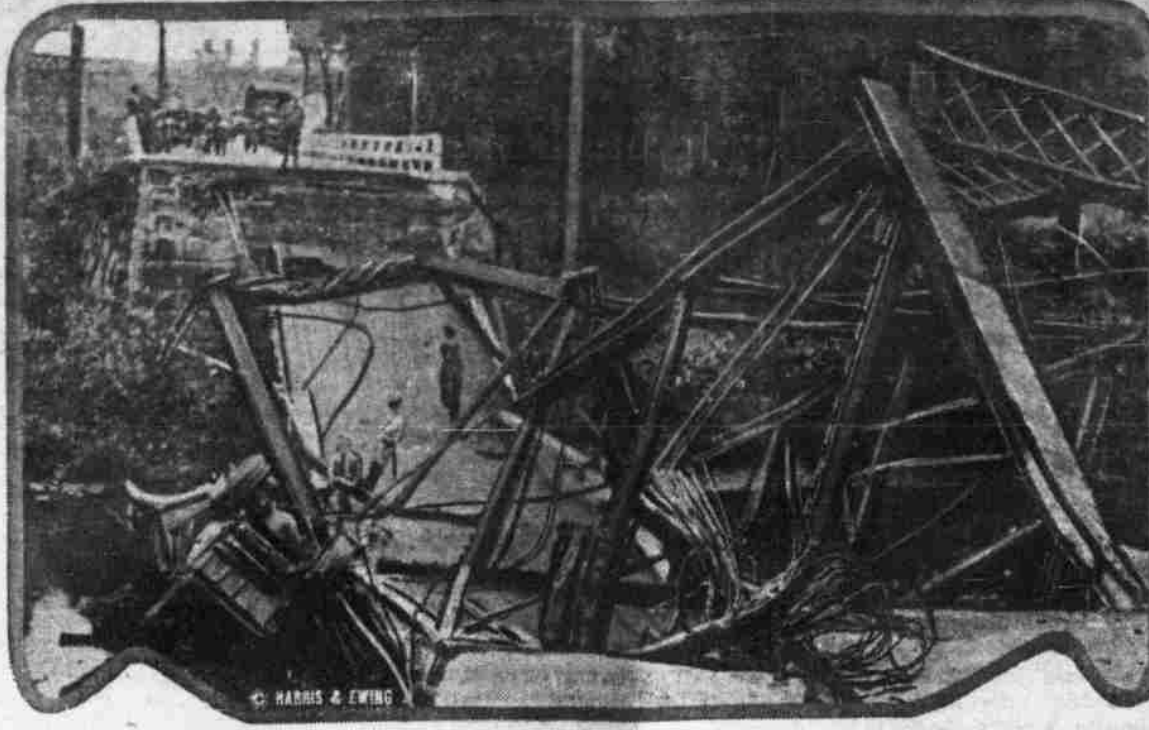
A NUMBER of Mexico merchants
have recently remarked that their
Christmas stocks this year are most
attractive and exceptionally large.
In fact the way one expressed it was
that he was showing a city stock with
the advantages to the buyer of small
town prices. This last statement re-
calls a remark recently made by a
Mexico woman who several years ago
did most of her shopping in St. Louis.
She said that Mexico merchants were
carrying all the new things one could
buy in St. Louis and at prices which
were a decided saving over those in
the state metropolis. Mexico mer-
chants are making Mexico a better place
to shop all the time and the rapidly
increasing trade territory buyers
here proves this.

DEMOCRATS generally seem most
encouraged over the future. The fact
that the Republican Congress has not
kept its promises regarding legisla-
tion; that taxes have soared and no
relief been offered or any of any con-
sequence in sight as well as other mat-
ters tends toward discrediting the
party in power. The one essential is
for the party to work in perfect har-
mony and unity toward the end of
again being placed in power.

THERE will be no Ku Klux Klan in
Mexico or Audrain County. The law
will be enforced here by the constitu-
tional authority face to face without
masks. When our regular officers do
not enforce the law the people will
elect those who will enforce it.

THE epidemic of bank robberies in-
dicates that some people find it entirely
too slow a process to get money from
such institutions on bad checks. This
is indeed a rapid age.

Washington's North Wires Broken



Three men and two women narrowly escaped death when a five-ton truck loaded with concrete side-swiped a touring car and plunged through the bridge over the Little Patuxent river at Savage, Md. The American Telephone and Telegraph company's two big underground cables carrying the 300 wires connecting Washington with all cities in the north and northeastern part of the United States, were severed when the bridge buckled. The broken cables, with frayed wires, is shown in the foreground.

LABOR BOARD URGES LOWER FREIGHT LEVY

If the railroad strike which is threatening the country now, really takes place, about one hundred and twenty-five men in Mexico will be affected. This number seems very large but Mexico is quite a railroad center and a number of men are employed by the two railroads which run through here.

The most popular suggestion for averting the strike is to pass along the recent wage reduction, which was authorized by the Railroad Labor Board, in the form of lower freight rates. Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago, Great Western Rail-
road, said that this suggestion seems absurd at first glance but that he has not considered it sufficiently to comment upon it officially. Members of the Railroad Board say that im-
mediate reduction of the freight rates would inure to the benefit of railroad employees and "would constitute one of the statutory grounds for further reduction in wages, while through reduction in the cost of materials, it would to that extent relieve the railroads of the necessity of relying solely upon wage cuts for a reduction of their operating expenses."

Federal action in connection with the threatened strike was confined to conference brought about by Pres-
ident Harding between the Interstate Commerce Commission and the public representatives on the Railroad Labor Board. Rumors are that there may be an injunction to prevent the inter-
ruption of the mails if the strike is called.

Railroad officials say they are pre-
pared to cope with the threatened national strike. Union leaders say that they expect to have the whole country tied in a knot with in four days after calling the strike, but rail officials and industrial leaders scout the idea that there may be a complete tie-up of transportation facilities.

SHORTHORN SALE, Mexico, Mo., Nov. 10th. Leave order for catalog. S. P. EMMONS AND SON. 33-3t Advertisement.

Mrs. Joseph Barth is home from a delightful visit in the East. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Sol Oppenheimer, who was Miss Corinne Barth.

REMOVAL NOTICE.
W. W. Botts has moved his law of-
fice to the Savings Bank Building,
where jointly with C. A. Withers-
poon, he occupies Suite No. 1 over
the Savings Bank. 32-4t dit Advertisement

T. S. Simpson and wife, of Palmer, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. Simpson's father, C. F. Chappel, of this city. Mr. Simpson raises fine Jersey cattle Tamworth hogs. His herd of Tamworth's, 24 years old, is the oldest herd of hogs in the United States.

A CLUBBING RATE.
The Weekly Ledger and the Na-
tional Live Stock Reporter, a daily
stock paper of East St. Louis, Ill.,
for one year, both \$5.00. This is a
money saving rate if you want two
good papers. wit

THERE is one thing about the law
that people seem to fail to realize—
you may evade it for a period, but
sooner or later its ever-lengthening
arm soon brings you into the barred
fold where you belong.

BY speeding up court procedure
and securing more convictions the
matter of reaching normalcy as re-
gards crime may be materially facili-
tated.

Three Artists to Appear at Orpheum

Miss Vera Barstow, violinist, Miss
Amy Ellerman, contralto and Mr. Cal-
vin Cox, tenor, will be heard in recital
at the Orpheum Theatre on the even-
ing of November third.

The announcement of this unusual
combination of artists should come as
an agreeable surprise to the music
lovers of Mexico. Each member of
the organization is a capable artist
and the combination of three in one
concert is meeting with universal
praise from press and public.

Miss Barstow, the charming young
violinist, is in the height of her career.
At her N. Y. recital, Max Smith, in
the New York Press, wrote "Miss
Barstow is unquestionably one of the
most talented women violinists now
before the public."

Miss Ellerman, with an unusually
large voice of wonderful quality, is
enjoying the most successful season of
her career, while Mr. Cox, the tenor,
never fails to please the audience.

Admittance to the recital will be
by card only which may be secured
from Pilcher Jewelry Co., by writing
or calling in person.

J. Brooks Brown of Fulton spent
Sunday here.

KU KLUX KLAN WRITING HERE FOR MEMBERS

Literature explaining the Ku Klux
Klan is being mailed to many citizens
of Mexico from Moberly and in the
letter accompanying the booklet is a
request that if you are interested in
the organization of a Klan in Mexico
address your reply to a certain box
number at Moberly, Missouri.

So far as is known nothing has been
done toward organizing a Klan here.
The Ledger was given one of these
booklets Monday by a certain busi-
ness man who had received it through
the mail. Evidently the Klan has
organized at Moberly and from that
point expects to organize this section
of the state.

The brochure which is being sent
here is bound in rather a mysterious
cover and contains a full explanation
of the order's purposes and plans.
There may be a movement on foot
here to establish a Klan but if there
is it is being kept very secret.

J. G. Trimore, of St. Joseph, spent
Sunday here.

Jewell Hollopeter and Roy Younger
spent the week-end with Bert Roberts
near Mexico.

WINTER WHEAT COSTS IN 1920 WERE HIGH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.—
The cost of producing winter wheat
in 1920 according to a government
survey showed about as high an aver-
age as in 1919, according to a prelimi-
nary report on farms surveyed in ten
counties in the winter wheat belt, is-
sued by the United States Department
of Agriculture. The range in cost for
the bulk of the crop (80 per cent of
production) on 216 owner farms sur-
veyed in 1920 was found to be \$1.20
to \$2.50 per bushel as compared with
\$1.30 to \$2.50 for the bulk of the crop
produced on the 284 farms surveyed in
1919. In 1920, about 46 per cent of
the operators held their costs down
to the average (1.80) or lower; in
1919, with an average cost of \$1.87,
47 per cent of the operators kept their
costs within that limit.

With costs almost as high as those
of the previous year, and with a de-
clining market, many of these farm-
ers sustained heavy losses on their
wheat. In eight of the ten counties
surveyed only 10 to 20 per cent of
the wheat was hauled direct from the
machine to the elevator. On that
part of this wheat which was sold im-
mediately the operators got the bene-
fit of the prices that prevailed before
the slump, which began soon after the
1920 crop began to come on the mar-
ket.

The results of the survey serve to
stress the importance of yield per
acre as a factor influencing the cost
per bushel. It was found that the
operators having costs of \$1.20 or
under per bushel could boast yields
ranging from 12 to 31 bushels per
acre, while those so unfortunate as
to have wheat costing \$4 or more per
bushel had yields ranging from as low
as 3 up to 7 bushels per acre.

Buyers Nichols Property.
The J. A. Nichols estate residence
property on West Monroe street was
sold Saturday afternoon to Mrs. J. C.
Mundy for \$3,100. Mrs. Mundy ex-
pects to move the house on another
lot and erect another house in its
place.

Franc L. McClure of Fulton was in
Mexico Sunday.

WE PAY NO RENT.
If you want to save money a visit
to our store will convince you. We
have an acre of space and can furnish
your home complete from cellar to
garret. We have a full line of FUR-
NITURE, RUGS and STOVES. SAM
MORRIS. 17-1t Advertisement

Charles Glendye Suffers Stroke of Paralysis

Word has been received by Mexico
relatives that Charles D. Glendye
suffered a stroke of paralysis Wed-
nesday in Washington, D. C., and is
in a very critical condition. Mr.
Glendye was formerly a merchant in
Mexico and left here several years
ago.

Mr. Glendye's many friends in Mex-
ico are sorry to hear of his illness.

Injured Playing Golf.
Ed Lawder, who is visiting in Ten-
nessee strained a tendon in his leg
very severely while playing golf at
the country club there recently. He
is better now, however.

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